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Hongkong, November 30, 1895.

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passed by the Directors of the above
Company on the 28th day of November,
1895, Notice is hereby given that unless the
FINAL CALL of TWENTY-FIVE
CENTS per Share be PAID to the Under-
signed at the Company's Office, Connaught
House, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong,
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Rate of 10 Per Cent. per Annum from the
3rd September, 1895, the SHARES in
respect of which the Call was made will be
Liable to FORFEITURE.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES B. DUNCAN,
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Hongkong, November 29, 1895.

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MONDAY, the 2nd December, 1895,
at 2 p.m.

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ST. ANDREW'S BALL

One grand ball free'st not the Tweed,
None like free'st an' erow'r,
Come, ladies, get your braw wi' good,
For here's fine maids' the joyous night,
Auld Scotland's jubilation,
Our chaps ay hand in hand, an' nicht
Ay hand in hand, an' nicht.

The foreign lads, we scratch' face,
Ay, we scratch' face, an' nicht,
An' say we seek Saint Andrew's grace,
The Saint hain't wi' Saint Whisky;
The Saint hain't wi' Saint Whisky;
The Saint hain't wi' Saint Whisky;
Na! Na! It needs nae whisky still,
The cheer a bonnie's spirit!

See at us! this nicht tak heed!
Each Scotman's a brother!

Aye, clink us a' together!

Aye, clink us a' together!

An' tho' we're scattered far an' wide,
We'll meet again, what'er befalls.

We're a' Saint Andrew's bairns.

'Christmas comes but once a year' is a maxim applicable enough, with its full context, if the name of the festival be altered to St. Andrew's Day, which for the time at any rate has all the appearance of being the greatest feast-day in the calendar. It is especially prominent in the Far East, for Christmas is not Christmas here, whereas the Scotch Ball loses nothing but rather gains in importance from the peculiar circumstances of foreign communities in the Orient. It is remarkable how Scottish national sentiment intensifies further and further away from Scotland. Dr Johnson is the authority for saying that the principal thing in Scotland is the road out of it, or words to that effect; and as soon as the inhabitants get well away on that road, their feeling for their country develops wonderfully. They discover that they belong to clans of which they never dreamed before; they take unto themselves kilts and tartans, and if their name is Smith they rechristen themselves McAlvany Smith, and quote Burns as freely as if they had read him at Home. The Menu last night was headed

'Wherever I wander, wherever I rove,
The hills of the Highlands for ever I love';
—a very fine sentiment, whether it rhymes or not, and very true, for the more they wander the more they love the places they wander from. Some of them wander from Glasgow, which is not very hilly, but that does not interfere with their love for the Highlands.

This powerful development of Scottish feeling is mainly responsible for the sturdy growth of St. Andrew's Societies in remote places, and is thus the cause which the general or cosmopolitan community has to thank for magnificent dances such as that given last night; so, though there are small eccentricities occasionally manifested in the development of the national spirit, it is a great boon to the world at large, and any frivolous comments verge on ungratefulness. So, while we cannot help being amused at the heroic attempts to Scotticize a menu containing such things as 'Kobe beef and Vanilla ice cream, which look incongruous among Buchan Baps and Paratas and Chakies, we must not stint the praise due to the providers thereof, for it is very great. The Haggis especially was a brilliant success. There are Caledonians—or at any rate Macs—who never tasted haggis till they came to Hongkong, but what of that? Haggis is very good, and this of last night was splendid. It was not the product of the Victoria Hotel staff—who, by the way, did excellently well in the rest of the catering—but of a lady whose handiwork in this special time has been highly esteemed in Hongkong for more St. Andrew's Days than courtesy allows us to number.

The Menu was as follows:

'Some meat and canna eat,
But we ha'e meat and we can eat,
And as the Lord be thanked.'

The Back of a Sheep Roast.
Roast Turkey. Corned Beef.
Roast Kobe Beef. Corned Beef.
Corned Tongue. Roast Capon.
Game Pie. Sheep's Head Pie.
Pâté de Foie Gras in Jelly.
Pavéan Salad. Oxtail Salad.

Roast Pheasant. Roast Wild Duck.

THE HAGGIS.
'Fair fa' our fane cauldron fat,
Weel is the guid rice
Aboun' them' a' tak yer place.'

BOILED TARTS.
'Freedom and whisky gang baithie,
Tak aff your drap.'

SWEETIES.
Shoylebread. Groatet Tairt.
Auld Brekkie Jellies.

Killikranks Puffs. Buchan Baps.

BLANC MANGE.
Vanilla and Chocolate Ice Cream.

It was a great improvement to have no set time for supper, with special supper dances. It is much better to have the dance programme running straight through, with supper on the 'go-as-you-please' principle. Whether it was due to this, or to the exceptional energy and ability of the management, supper went much more smoothly and successfully than, in former years; for to provide and serve a substantial meal to seven or eight hundred hard-working, hungry dancers is a colossal task, which formerly seemed too big to be done well. This time there was absolutely no fault to find, either in the upper or lower part of the Theatre, which was used as supper room; we do not speak from having tried both places—but we know some who did.

Few St. Andrew's dances have been on a level to compare with this in the matter of dances. Some people say they do not like pipe music; some even say piping is not music, but that is only their affection. Occasionally it does happen that (with bad players) piping is not music, but then it is not piping either. These remarks are by the way, and do not apply to the playing of J. W. Evans and Pickford, at last night's ball. For the piping was unusually good throughout. That is, excepting after 3 a.m., which is a legitimate exception.

The following was the dance programme, in which the pipes and the bagpipes were the most popular invitations.

band shared honours, and won high prize on all hands—

1. Lancers. *Sebastien Bledz.*
2. WALTZ. *Beauvais Beld.*
3. CAVALRIERS. *De Gruyere.*
4. FOXTROT. *Strathmore.*
5. HIGHLAND SCHOTTISCH. *A Black & White.*
6. STRAIGHT & ROLL. *Highland Dances.*
7. CAVORTS. *Right Thistlehead.*
8. DANCE. *Greenwood.*
9. WALTZ. *For a Green Skirt.*
10. DANCE. *Meadow Blaw.*
11. WALTZ. *Robert a Shillib.*
12. GAIT. *Highland Dances.*

Taken all round, the 1895 St. Andrew's Ball was a phenomenal success. The decorations were neat and elegant, and not overdone. The library was set apart for cards, smokers, and 'other things,' and the accommodation was excellent. There was less crowding than has sometimes occurred, and less confusion at the cloak rooms; in fact, all the troublesome details have worked nearer to perfection than ever before. A noticeable feature at the beginning was the gathering of the clan to receive and escort the Governor into the hall. This apparently is taking a leaf out of the books of the Masonic Ball; when an impressive body of gorgeously decorated dignitaries formed a guard of honour. The idea might easily be improved upon for the next Scotch Ball, if a sufficient number—say all the Stewards, or something like that—could be fitted out to represent all the clans, with Highland costumes, claymores, etc. The claymore is not always handy to dance with, but if a man is not used to it he can征服 himself of it after the opening procession, as did the worthy Attorney General of his Civil Service toothpick.

THE TELEGRAPHIC GREETINGS.

The following telegram was sent last night:

To the President, St. Andrew's Society, Shanghai.

Scotshmen in Hongkong send St. Andrew's greetings to Brother Scots in Shanghai.

This morning the following reply was received:

To the President, St. Andrew's Society, Hongkong.

Scotshmen in Shanghai reciprocates kindly greetings and wish ye well.

The Hongkong Society also wired a similar message to Singapore last night, but no reply has come yet.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty—Surgeon M. L. B. Read, to the *Grafton*, to date Oct. 24, and afterwards to the *Hedwic*; undated, E. D. Lumley, to the *Pigmy* and F. J. A. Dalton, to the *Plover*, to date Oct. 24; J. C. Donaldson and P. H. May, to Hongkong Hospital, H. H. Stephen to the *Centurion*, additional for the *Esk*, and J. H. Read, M.A., M.B., to the *Alacrity* additional, to date Nov. 1; A. E. Kelso, B.A., M.D., to the *Dolphin* and H. Harris and W. Spy, to the *Griffon*, undated; Mid. R. E. Stokes-Ross, to the *Immortalis*, to date Nov. 19; Surgeon J. M. McEwan, M.D., to the *Centaur*, to date Oct. 28; Staff-Surgeon H. C. G. Gordon, T. C. H. Williams, and D. A. E. Kirwan to the *Immortalis*, to date Nov. 19, and H. C. S. Rawson to the *Centurion*, to date Nov. 19; Lieutenant T. J. McEwan, M.D., to the *Imperial*, to date Nov. 19; Lieutenant-S. W. Beaumont, O. T. Thorp, S. A. Perry, Anstruther and J. W. L. M'Clintock, to the *Immortalis*, to date Nov. 19; Staff Engineer J. W. Bennington, to the *Immortalis*, to date Nov. 19; Assistant Engineer E. D. Mallinson and L. J. Watson, to the *Immortalis*, to date Nov. 19; Probationary Assistant Engineer A. F. Sawyer, to the *Immortalis*, to date Nov. 19; Lieutenant W. G. O. Marcell, to the *Centurion*, to the *Alacrity* additional, to date Nov. 19; Surgeon T. T. Jeans, to the *Immortalis*, to date Nov. 19; Lieutenant-S. W. Beaumont, O. T. Thorp, S. A. Perry, Anstruther and J. W. L. M'Clintock, to the *Immortalis*, to date Nov. 19; Staff Engineer J. W. Bennington, to the *Immortalis*, to date Nov. 19; Assistant Engineer E. D. Mallinson and L. J. Watson, to the *Immortalis*, to date Nov. 19; Probationary Assistant Engineer A. F. Sawyer, to the *Immortalis*, to date Nov. 19.

If the Committee will take my advice, and if they have a desire to ensure the success of the Society, which I believe they have, they will call a general meeting and reconstitute the Society. The members now know who the non-members on the committee are, and should propose to elect a new representative one, including two or three lady members, and last, but not least, make arrangements to allow members to become active or honorary. This last suggestion is not my own, as I understand it was strongly brought up at the first meeting by two of the most musical men, but, of course, was voted by the self-elected Committee.

I have not heard much more of Signorina Belinfonte's movements, but I understand she is to be soon with us, so there is another treat in store for us. I hope she will come up to the reports.

We are to have our first 'Smoker' on the 14th December, so the Doctor says.

He is in charge of the musical portion of the evening, and as his catering has always been of the best, we can depend upon him giving a good and strong programme. I understand that all the best talent has already been secured.

I have not the slightest doubt that Mr George Grimes was highly pleased at the favourable impression he created at the first of a series of Organ Recitals at the Union Church. The 'Kirk' has never contained so many people before, and I trust he will continue to draw the same at each of the other Recitals. I am told the second has been fixed for Monday, the 16th prox., and that an attractive and classical programme is promised, comprising selections from the German, French and English schools, from the works of Beethoven, Schubert, Mozart, Leopold Mozart, Batiste, Archer, etc. etc. He informs me he has also been promised the help of two of our most talented lady vocalists. I wish him all success.

Our old friend Mr. G. G. Brady is already

at work in Batavia. He appeared in a concert on the 17th November, singing appropriately. The cat came back—couldn't stop away. The newspaper notice of the concert looks very funny in Dutch. The Batavian *Nieuwsblad* doesn't quite call him Van der Brady, but it puts him under the heading 'Dialect on Dierbaar en' and says he was accompanied by 'Eek Stry'.

Mr. Bowles is now H. B. M.'s Charge d'Affaires and not a few of the 'knowing ones' think that the Foreign office will appoint him as Minister. Should this be the case it will show that the authorities appreciate their good men, and they make a sad mistake if they let such a clever and highly qualified official away from Peking, more especially at the present critical juncture.

In discussing the pending question between Great Britain and France in Indo-China, the London correspondent of the Mercury writes:—Mr. Bowles is now H. B. M.'s Charge d'Affaires and not a few of the 'knowing ones' think that the Foreign office will appoint him as Minister. Should this be the case it will show that the authorities appreciate their good men, and they make a sad mistake if they let such a clever and highly qualified official away from Peking, more especially at the present critical juncture.

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THE ART OF RECOLLECTING.

A CHAT WITH PROFESSOR LOISETTE.

It would, one would think, be impossible to obtain for any new system of education a more weighty list of testimonies than those by which men of unquestionable standing in the intellectual world have given the impress of their approval to Professor Loisette's system for improving bad memories. Colonel Ingérolle, for example, says that "it is very useful to the best of memories, and invaluable to the moderate or poor memory." Francis Wilson, one of the most popular comedians on the American stage, writes:—"You have taught me how to memorize at a single period what I formerly could only learn by a series of endless repetitions." The *Times of India* describes the system as "A revolution—something like a new sense"; whilst the *New York Tribune* says that "Professor Loisette's success on a professor and a lecturer has been remarkable."



In answer to a query as to whether there were really calm in the system that gave bad memories that some folks seem to have, the Professor said:—"I not only cure bad memories, but also mind-wandering, which is the cause of nine-tenths of the bad memories you meet with. Furthermore, I do it in a perfectly natural way, without any attempt to perform miracles, or to make use of artificial means."

"And now touching your remedy for mind-wandering?"—Well, if you do not concentrate your mind upon what you hear or see, you will certainly not get a very definite impression; and if you do not get a definite impression there is nothing for the mind to react upon; so that in strengthening the powers of memory you naturally strengthen the powers of attention."

"What is your method of teaching, Professor Loisette?"—How to increase the powers of attention, I develop in the three lectures that will follow the Popular lecture to be delivered in the City Hall next Monday evening. In the entire course I am able to impart the whole of my system to anybody of average comprehension. In fact, as the result of my lectures, I never had a failure. I had occasional failures when I taught by correspondence, because the system was then spread over six books. Since then I have compressed it in one volume for review or reference and it is consequently much simplified."

"What do you mean by saying that you have never had a failure as the result of your lectures?"—Well, I mean that those who attend the instructional course get hold of the entire theory, that when I go away they begin to put my theory into practice, that in the course of time it becomes automatic, and that anybody who has it at his finger ends can remember anything. The popular lecture is very important, because it contains the basic principles of the whole system. It is also very interesting—though I say it myself. The fact is, however, that the subject in all its phases is brimful of interest, because nothing is more universal than bad memories, and I am the one to attempt to mend them on scientific principles."

"How did you come to make a study of the subject?"—As a youth I had a particularly bad memory, and under the advice of my teacher I took myself to the study of mnemonics, and it was whilst attempting to improve my own memory upon the systems then in force that I made what has since been admitted, was a new discovery.

"One heard of people who, after once reading a column of print, can repeat it verbatim!"—Even little can do that. Dr. Maudsley tells of an idiot in the Edinburgh Asylum who could do it, and he tells of another idiot who could perform the same feat backwards. The enormous memory is prone to that sort of thing, but the census memory is failing. Nature has, however, provided us with the most prodigious outfit for the highest assimilative memory, so that nobody need ever forget anything that is worth remembering. My standard of memorising is to be able to learn a book in a single reading—not verbatim, though that can be done—but to assimilate all the ideas in it—to make them part of oneself. To my mind, no graduate of college has half his degree unless he can do that."

"A bright mind—it and a good memory do not always seem to go together."—No, but they ought to go together. The bright intellect presumes the possibility of a perfect memory, but the trouble is that people are not taught to use their assimilative memory. They learn to depend upon their sensory memory, and the sensory memory betrays them. Then, again, whilst the assimilative memory improves with age, the sensory memory loses its power quite early in life. You cannot mention a case of bad memory that I could not cure unless the person is in a lunatic asylum—or ought to be."

Two Yorkshires had been on a trip to Blackpool, and were on their way home, when one noticed that his companion was carrying a bottle half filled with sea water. "Why, what 'ye'er got there, Bill?" he asked. "Well, ye' re right," replied the bald woman, "sheen 'ee's, so I thought I'd take her a drop." "But," said the first, "while ye're doing it why didn't ye take a full bottle?" "Not 'ee's," was the answer; "what should I have done then the tide began a rising and broke the bottle?"

WHAT EMPEROR WAS THIS?

He was one of the greatest monarchs that ever ruled in Europe. He was always at war, yet—but wait! let me take one thing at a time. He was an enormous eater. He breakfasted at five on a fowl-seethed milk and dressed with sugar and spices. After this he went to sleep again. He dined at twelve, always partaking of a fowl. He supped twice, once in the evening and again in the middle of each—the latter the most solid meal of the day. After meat he ate a great quantity of pastry and sweets, washing them down with vast draughts of beer and wine. Then he would gorge himself on oysters, omolomites, fried sausages, oil pies, pickled partridges, fat capons, &c., &c.

Finally he abdicated, that this omnivorous Emperor, and a friendly courtier thus described the man that he had to do it: "The old man, that is to say, the Emperor, is a real tyrant, a despot, and a scoundrel; it invades the whole body from head to foot. It contracts the nerves with anguish, it freezes the marrow, it converts the fluids of the joints into chalk, and punishes not until it has exhausted the body and conquered the mind by immense torture."

He was crippled in the neck, arms, laces, and hands, and covered with chronic skin eruptions; while his stomach occasioned him constant suffering. He was a wreck at an age when he should have been in the prime of life.

This is not fiction; it is history, without a syllable of exaggeration. How many of our readers will write and tell us what name this was? A thousand, no doubt.

Attack-a-day! however. Not kings and emperors alone are thus afflicted. Great hosts of us travel the same road. We are not usually giddy as this royal gentleman was, but people who eat sparingly often have the same malady. Commonly they inherit a tendency to it. On the part of this dreadful disease the rich and the poor, the great and the small, are equally liable.

Speaking of an experience of her own, a woman says: "My hands became stiff and numb. There seemed to be no feeling in them. I was so crippled that I could not even eat a round of bread. A little later it attacked my legs and feet, the soles of the latter being very tender and sore. The pain was so severe that I often sat down and cried on account of my suffering and my helplessness. I used rubbing oils and various remedies, but got no relief. In the year on month after month, never ceasing to be well again. I felt the first signs of illness in February, 1889. At first I had merely a bad attack in the month, no appetite, and was low-tired, and languid. Following this came the agony of rheumatism, as I have said. My recovery to a suggestion of my husband's. He advised me to try Mother Seigle's Carabine Syrup, and got me a bottle from Mr. W. Simpson, in North Street. After taking it for a week, my condition improved, the right feeling, and I suffered no more from rheumatism, from indigestion and dyspepsia, which I now understand to be the cause of rheumatism. From that time to this I have been in the best of health. (Signed) Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Cook, Sandwell Lane, North Street, Horncastle, Lincolnshire, February 1st, 1895."

"In the year 1879," writes another, "rheumatism attacked me, one joint after another. The pains were all over me, although the worst was in the hands. For two years I suffered with a desire to vomit, and no good. In 1881 I was in a little book that rheumatism was caused by indigestion and dyspepsia, and that this cure for it was Mother Seigle's Syrup. This proved to be true, as after taking three bottles I knew no more of stomach disorder nor rheumatism. I have since recommended this wonderful remedy to hundreds of persons. (Signed) Mrs. E. Schoolfield, 10, West Hill, Southampton Street, Reading, Oct. 26, 1892."

The great Empress was driven to abdication by her son, and went, caused by her named physician, to the south of France. Yet he left him with poisons from tea to tea. Yet he lost his appetite, which was all the worse for him. Not long afterwards, he died, having asthma and gravel, with the other consequences of dyspepsia. But no needs to be a general to have known dyspepsia, with its trailing troubles. Any one of fifty causes may provoke it. Watch out for the earliest symptoms and arrest them at once by using the Syrup. It stops the mischief on the spot where it begins, and then cures it. By the aid of common sense and Mother Seigle the Empress might have stayed on his throne, might be not?

Yes, but unluckily she wasn't born in time to help him.

"Sorry, old boy, you look worried." I am worried. I did some work yesterday and I don't know what that can mean unless it is that I'm going to die."

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I would send you a kiss, papa," wrote little Lucy, who was away on a visit, "but I have been eating quince."

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